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PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization Philadelphia Historical Commission	
8. property owners name and address School District of Philadelphia 21st & Winter Streets Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103		9. tax parcel number / other number 886223500	10. U.T.M. zone easting 18 49110160 2.1 acres 414132121610 northing usgs sheet: Frankford
12. classification site () structure () object () building () Thematic in N.R. district yes () no ()		13. date(s) (how determined) 1915-1916	15. style, design or folk type Late Gothic Revival Other: Utilitarian
16. architect or engineer H. deCourcy Richards		14. period 1915-1916	19. original use School 20. present use School
17. contractor or builder William R. Dougherty		18. primary building mat./construction Brick with terra cotta trimmings	21. condition Good 22. integrity Fair/Good
23. site plan with north arrow 		BLACK AND WHITE PRINT(S) 3 1/2" x 5" enlargement or medium format contact note location of negative in block 24.	
24. photo notation			
25. file/location			
26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) See reverse side (continue on back if necessary)			
27. history, significance and/or background See reverse side (continue on back if necessary)			
28. sources of information See reverse side		29. prepared by: Jefferson M. Moak	
		30. date 5-21-87	revision(s)

1. County Philadelphia
 5. present name Benjamin Franklin School

2. municipality Philadelphia
 6. other name (historic name if any) N/A

3. street address or specific location 5737-5741 Rising Sun Avenue

4. survey code

3. ADDRESS: Rising Sun Avenue, 5737-5741

5. NAME: Franklin, Benjamin, School

6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1915-1916

ADDITIONS: 1931, 1951

DESCRIPTION: A 2-story, 5-register, brick school set upon a raised brick basement. A stone dripcourse runs above the basement openings. The entrances are located in the outside registers with carved stone and terra cotta surrounds on the first floor and a single opening on the second stairway level. A diapered brick panel sits above this latter opening. The middle three registers have four openings on each floor with stone surrounds and carved terra cotta panels sitting between the floors. Brick piers separate the registers. A stone cornice runs above the second floor openings and below the brick parapet. A carved stone panel with the name of the school appears in the center. A brick addition was built onto the eastern side in 1931, designed by Irwin T. Catharine. A long, 1-story, addition was erected in 1954 and is connected to the main building only by a corridor.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The Benjamin Franklin School is the only school designed from School Board Type Number 133. The first of the two additions blends into the original Richards design. The second addition does little marring of the original fabric of the building as it is connected only by an extension of the first floor corridor. The original building is a well preserved representative of the Late Gothic Revival and Utilitarian styles adopted by Richards in many of his designs during the 1910s.
National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

Boundary Justification: The nominated property contains the contributing building, one non-contributing building, and all historically associated land.

28. SOURCES: Edmunds, Public School Buildings of Philadelphia, 1908-1918
Edmunds, Chronological List of Public School Buildings, 1818-1934
School District, "New Buildings Under Contract"

EVALUATION: Despite the additions, this building warrants consideration for inclusion to the National Register as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

There is one contributing and one noncontributing building on this nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886223500.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Philadelphia Public Schools, TR
State Philadelphia County, PA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 31. Emlen, Eleanor Cope, School of Practice
Substantive Review
Keeper Linda McClelland 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 32. Fell, D. Newlin, School
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melora Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 33. Feltonville School No. 2
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melora Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 34. Ferguson, Joseph C., School
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melora Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 35. Finletter, Thomas K., School
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melora Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 36. Fitzsimons, Thomas, Junior High School
Substantive Review
Keeper Linda McClelland 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 37. Forrest, Edwin, School
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melora Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 38. Franklin, Benjamin, School
Entered in the National Register
Keeper Melora Byers 11/18/88
Attest _____
- 39. Gillespie, Elizabeth Duane, Junior High School
Substantive Review
Keeper Linda McClelland 2/10/89
Attest _____
- 40. Gratz, Simon, High School
Substantive Review
Keeper Linda McClelland
Attest 2/10/89

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Franklin, Benjamin, School

MULTIPLE NAME: Philadelphia Public Schools TR

STATE & COUNTY: PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia

DATE RECEIVED: 10/04/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/18/88
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/03/88 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/18/88
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88002274

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 11/18/88 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___ count ___ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___ historic ___ current

DESCRIPTION

___ architectural classification
___ materials
___ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___ summary paragraph
___ completeness
___ clarity
___ applicable criteria
___ justification of areas checked
___ relating significance to the resource
___ context
___ relationship of integrity to significance
___ justification of exception
___ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___ acreage ___ verbal boundary description
___ UTMs ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Phila. Public Schools TR

Phila. County

Benjamin Franklin School

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Negatives at Philadelphia Historical
Commission

Photographed by City of Philadelphia
Front Facade

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000730